

CHARLES OLIVIER DUCLOSEL.

L E T T E R

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING,

In compliance with the act of June 22, 1860, a report upon the claim of Charles Olivier Duclosel to a certain tract of land in the State of Louisiana.

JUNE 19, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Claims and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, D. C., June 4, 1874.

SIR: Pursuant to the 5th section of the act approved 22d June, 1860, (12 Stats., p. 85,) I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the register and receiver of the land-office at New Orleans, La., acting as commissioners under said act, upon the claim of Charles Olivier Duclosel to a certain tract of land in said State, together with copy of the letter addressed to the Department on the 3d instant by the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, disapproving the report.

Very respectfully,

C. DELANO,
Secretary.

Hon. J. G. BLAINE,
Speaker House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND-OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., June 3, 1874.

SIR: As directed by the 4th section of the act of Congress approved June 22, 1860, entitled "An act for the final adjustment of private land-claims in the States of Florida, Louisiana, and Missouri, and for other purposes," (12 Stats., p. 85,) extended by the act of Congress approved June 10, 1872, (17 Stats., p. 378,) I have the honor to submit herewith, for transmission to Congress, a report made under the provisions of the 3d section of said act of 1860, and dated February 5, 1873, of the register and receiver of the United States consolidated land-office at New Orleans, La., acting as commissioners under said acts,

upon the claim of Charles Olivier Duclosel to a tract of land of 12 arpents front on the river Teche by 40 arpents depth, being section 79 in township 10 south, of range 6 east, in the southwest district of Louisiana.

The written evidence of title from the Spanish government, upon which this claim is based, is alleged to be a grant made in 1775 to Barnard Danterive, the written evidence of which grant is now said to have been lost. The existence of such a grant has, however, not been proven, though it is evident that a large tract of land in the vicinity of the tract claimed by Duclosel was once in the possession of one Danterive, for there has been filed in this case a map made in 1786 by Trudeau, a Spanish surveyor, which shows this tract within the limits of a survey made for Danterive; a designation on the 7th of December, 1775, of the boundaries of Danterive's tract by De Clouet, commandant of the post of Attakapas and Opelousas; and a sale of said tract to Danterive's widow, passed before the same commandant on the 9th day of December, 1775; and it further appears that a number of claims, both north and south of the tract now claimed by the present claimant, Duclosel, have been confirmed to claimants, who, though confirmed in their titles because of possession and inhabitation, claimed to have derived their respective interests from Danterive, (see American State Papers, Duff Green's edition, vol. 2, p. 703, and vol. 3, pp. 136, 137, and 171,) supported by the other evidence of claim in Danterive. I think the map and designation of boundary above referred to would have been sufficient written evidence of title to have entitled Duclosel to a confirmation under the act of June 22, 1860, as extended and amended by the act of June 10, 1872, if the said claimant had shown title from Danterive. But this he has not done. The record shows that after the sale of Danterive's claim to Madame Danterive, in 1775, a part of the land covered by said claim was sold to Mrs. Guillaume André, on the 18th of March, 1784, by Mrs. Dugrüy; but though Mrs. Dugrüy is alleged to be Mrs. Danterive, that fact is not proven, nor is there any evidence filed of any conveyance of this land from Mrs. Guillaume André.

The next conveyances in order of date of the land now claimed by Duclosel are as follows:

1st. Conveyance to Olivier De Vezin from A. C. G. De Lormo, in 1792, of 4 arpents front on the bayou Teche, with a depth to the bayou Tortue, bounded above by land of Francis de la Groue and below by land of Mr. Grechien.

2d. Conveyance to Olivier De Vezin from Francis de la Groue, in 1794, of 6 arpents front on the bayou Teche by 40 arpents in depth, bounded above by lands of said Louis Judice and below by lands of said De Vezin.

3d. Conveyance from Jean Grechin, in 1802, to Louis Pelletier de la Houssaye; and, 4th, conveyance to Olivier De Vezin by Louis Pelletier de la Houssaye, of the same land, in the same year, said tract being described as 2 arpents front on the western side of the bayou Teche, and bounded above by the lands of De Vezin and below by the lands of Jacques Fontenette. These two conveyances, it will be observed, were passed before the civil and military commandant at Attakapas subsequent to the promulgation of the regulations of Juan Ventura Morales, the 7th article of which regulations directs that "the commandant of posts shall not take any acknowledgment of conveyance of land obtained by concession, unless the grantor presents and delivers to the buyer the title which he has obtained." (White's New Recopilacion, vol. 2, p. 236.)

A copy of the act of sale by which the land thus sold was conveyed by Olivier De Vezin is not produced, but in the conveyance of this land by Louis De Blanc, jr., to E. Forstal, on the 9th day of February, 1808, the purchase by De Blanc, jr., from De Vezin, is recited. From that date to 1836, when the present claimant acquired his interest, the conveyances appear to be satisfactory.

Had the present claimant shown actual corporeal possession of the tract claimed, from the date of his purchase in 1836, it would, in my opinion, in connection with the documents filed, have given him an equitable claim upon Congress for relief, notwithstanding he had failed to complete all the links in his chain of title from a grantor who held by written evidence of title from the former government, as required by the act of June 22, 1860, and the supplemental act of June 10, 1872; but as the claimant has failed in both these particulars, it is my opinion that this claimant's claim ought not to be confirmed.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. S. BURDETT,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

No. 1.—Olivier Duclosel, section 79, township 10 south, range 6 east, southwestern district of Louisiana.

UNITED STATES CONSOLIDATED LAND-OFFICE,
District of Louisiana, New Orleans, La., February 5, 1873.

Charles Olivier Duclosel claims a tract of land 12 arpens front by 40 arpens depth, on the west side of the bayou Teche, situated in township 10 south, range 6 east, southwestern district, Louisiana, and known on the plat of this office as section No. 79, claim of Olivier Duclosel, no confirmation found. Applicant claims title under the Danterive grant, issued on the 17th of October, 1775, and surveyed on the 7th of December, 1775. (See document No. 1, also document No. 13.) Though the patent is said to be lost, that the grant was made is conclusively proved not only by claimant's evidence, but by the records of this office, book No. 20, page 178, as well as by a reference to it in almost every confirmation in this immediate section. This grant to Danterive was for a league front on both sides of the Teche, with unequal depths, of which it is not necessary to speak. On December 9th, 1775, the tract of this grant became the property of Danterive's widow, Madame Danterive, subsequently Madame Dugruy. (See document No. 2.) In the year 1784 Mr. and Madame Dugruy sold to Madame Guillaume André, generally known as Madame Guillaume, 41 arpens of this grant, on the west front of the Teche. (See document No. 3; also see document No. 13.) The 12 arpens now claimed by applicant lie nearly in the center of this 41 arpens sold to Madame Guillaume, with a depth from the bayou of 40 arpens. A link in the chain of evidence is here missing, *i. e.*, the act from Madame Guillaume.

In the year 1792 4 arpens of this 12 arpens were in possession of Claude Garnot De Lorme. (See document No. 4.) In the year 1794 6 arpens of this 12 arpens were in possession of Louis De la Grone. (See document No. 5.) In the year 1802 2 arpens of this 12 arpens were in possession of Jean Crehien. (See documents Nos. 6 and 7.) And from these dates, viz, 1792, 1794, 1802, peaceable and uninterrupted possession and claim of title, or proofs thereof, in applicant or his predecessors, are in proof before us. (See documents No. 8 to No. 12.) As the object of the act of 1872 is "simply to vary the proof required so as to afford relief to claimants whose written evidence of title, properly acquired from foreign governments, have been lost or destroyed," we are of the opinion that claimant might rest his case here. There is much force, however, in another point offered. The claim above and the claim below this one, now seeking confirmation, and both laying within the purchase of Madame Guillaume from Danterive, have been confirmed. (See Louis Judice, O. B. B. 1314, and Jacques Fontenette, O. B. B. 1317, D. Green, vol. 2, page 703.) Both of these claimants, according to the report of the commissioners, claimed under Danterive, making no mention of Madame Guillaume as intermediate purchaser. If this was satisfactory to Commissioners Gerrard, Wales, and Fitz, in 1813, 60 years ago, and when transactions from the Danterive

grant down were familiar to living witnesses, is not the present claimant entitled to the same privilege and to the precedent established by this report?

To sum up, this applicant, with the omission of one link, shows title from a Spanish grant and peaceable possession from the year 1775 to date, the missing link dating anterior to the cession from France to the United States, and to a period so remote that the evidence of no living witness can be procured; also, in the year 1813, two tracts, bounding applicant's above and below, and similarly situated to this claim now seeking confirmation, so far as title emanating from Madame Guillaume is concerned, were confirmed by the then commissioners, and certificates of confirmation issued therefor.

We are of the opinion that this claim should be confirmed.

CHARLES BARNARD,
Register.
W. H. HYATT,
Receiver.

HON. WILLIS DRUMMOND,
Commissioner General Land-Office, Washington, D. C.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, *Parish of Saint Martin :*

Please take notice that I hereby apply, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June the 10th, 1872, entitled "An act to extend the provisions of an act entitled 'An act for the final adjustment of private land claims in the States of Florida, Louisiana, and Missouri, and for other purposes,'" for the confirmation of the section No. 79, in township 10 south, of range 6 east, southwestern district of Louisiana, containing 12 arpens front by 40 in depth.

1. I bought said tract of land on the 30th of June, 1836, from Valery Veillon.
2. Valery Veillon bought it from the succession sale of his father, Louis Veillon, in the month of June, 1834.
3. Louis Veillon bought it at the succession sale of Jacques Fontenette January 1, 1818.
4. Jacques Fontenette bought it from Louis Pelletier de la Houssaye on the 10th of November, 1811.
5. L. P. de la Houssaye bought it from Edward Forstal on the 5th July, 1810.
6. Edward Forstal bought it from Louis De Blanc fils on the 9th February, 1803.
7. Louis De Blanc fils, in the act of sale to Edward Forstal, declares to have bought said twelve arpens front from Olivier De Vezin—no date mentioned.
8. Olivier De Vezin bought this tract of land in three pieces. The first four arpens from Garnot de Lorme, by act before Francisco Cayo y Luengo, civil and military commandant of Attakapas, on the 31st of December, 1792. Six arpens from Louis de la Grone, by act before the same commandant, on the 12th of April, 1794. And two arpens from Louis le Pelletier de la Houssaye, before Charles de Blanc, civil and military commandant of Attakapas, on the 13th of May, 1802, said tract of land being a part of the old Danterive grant.

STATE OF LOUISIANA, *Parish of Saint Martin :*

Personally came and appeared Charles Olivier Duclosel, of the parish of Saint Martin, before me, the undersigned authority, and who, being duly sworn, deposes and says, that the foregoing statement or list of titles is true and correct, according to extracts and certificates from the clerk and recorder's office in and for the parish of Saint Martin.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 27th day of December, A. D. 1872.

[COURT SEAL.]

CHS. OLIVIER DUCLOSEL.
H. FOURNET,
Clerk District Court Parish Saint Martin.

B.—Sworn statement and abstracts of title of Chs. Olivier Duclosel.

1. December 7, 1775.—Copy of original survey of No. 1.—Grant to Bernard Danterive by Chevalier De Clouet, commander of the post of Attakapas, by order of De Unzaga, governor-general of the province, of a tract of land measuring one league front on both sides of the bayou Teche, with half league depth on the oriental, and all the depth between the Teche and the bayou Tortue on the occidental, bounded above by L. Grevenberg and below by the domain of the king. Original patent lost. (See also

another copy of same survey of grant, records United States consolidated land-office, New Orleans, La., book No. 20, page 178.)

2. December 9, 1775.—Sale of the estate of said Danterive, by order of Governor Unzaga, to Claude Bernard Danterive, son of deceased, and as agent of his mother, Widow Danterive.

3. March 18, 1784.—Sale of Mr. and Mrs. Dugruy, (Widow Danterive,) to Mrs. Guillaume André, of 41 arpents front on both sides of bayou Teche. (United States consolidated land-office, New Orleans, book No. 20, page 209; also, see plat (No. 13 this series) accompanying Carlos Tradeau's *procès verbal*, showing Mrs. Guillaume's purchase and the original limits of the Danterive grant, same book, page 399.)

The 12 arpents front on the bayou Teche, western side, claimed by Charles Olivier Duclosel, form a part of the 41 arpents sold by Madame Dugruy (Widow Danterive) to Mrs. Guillaume André in the last act above, and are bounded below by the land of Jacques Fontenette and confirmed in the name of Jacques Fontenette, (American State Papers, vol. 2, page 703, book 1317, D. Green edition,) and above by land confirmed in the name of Louis Judice, (American State Papers, vol. 2, page 703, book 1314, same edition,) all under the Danterive grant.

4. December 31, 1792.—Sale of Claude Garnot de Lorme to Olivier De Vezin, 4 arpents of land on western side of bayou Teche, bounded above by the land of Louis De la Groue and below by that of Grechien.

5. April 12, 1794.—Sale of Philippe Ducloslange, attorney for Louis de la Groue, to Olivier De Vezin, 6 arpents front on western side of bayou Teche, bounded above by Louis Judice and below by Olivier De Vezin.

6. May 30, 1802.—Sale of Jean Grechien to Louis Le Pelletier de la Houssaye 2 arpents front on western side of bayou Teche, bounded above by Olivier De Vezin and below by Jacques Fontenette.

7. May 30, 1802.—Sale of Louis Le Pelletier de la Houssaye to Olivier De Vezin 2 arpents front on western side of bayou Teche, bounded above by Olivier De Vezin and below by Jacques Fontenette.

(Sales Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, comprising the 12 arpents claimed by Charles Olivier Duclosel.)

8. February 9, 1808.—Sale of Louis De Blanc fils to Edward Forstal, 12 arpents by 40, on the western side of bayou Teche, bounded above by P. O. Duclosel and below by Jacques Fontenette. Louis De Blanc mentions in this act "that the lands have been sold to him by Olivier De Vezin, who bought them from De la Groue and De Lorme."

9. November 10, 1811.—Sale of Louis Pelletier de la Houssaye to Jacques Fontenette 12 arpents front by 40 in depth on the western side bayou Teche, bounded above by the tract of P. Olivier Duclosel and below by the tract of Jacques Fontenette. In this act it is said: "Said tract of land, forming part of the Danterive grant, and bought by the vendor from Edward Forstal by act before Narcisse Brontin, notary, on the 5th of July, 1810."

10. June 1, 1818.—Extract from the estate (sale of) of Jacques Fontenette: Louis Veillon bought 12 arpents front on western side of bayou Teche, bounded above by tract of P. Olivier Duclosel and below by tract of Jacques Fontenette.

11. June 9, 1834.—Extract from the sale of the estate of Louis Veillon: Valery Veillon bought 12 arpents front on the western side of bayou Teche, bounded above by P. Olivier Duclosel and below by tract of estate of Jacques Fontenette.

12. Sale of Valery Veillon to Olivier Duclosel 12 arpents front on western side of bayou Teche, bounded above by tract of P. Olivier Duclosel and below by tract of estate of Jacques Fontenette.

13. Copy of plat of Chs. Trudeau, from records United States consolidated land-office, New Orleans, La., book 20, page 399, showing boundaries of the Danterive grant and boundaries of the purchase of Madame Guillaume.

14. Plat of survey from records of the United States land-office, New Orleans, La.

No. 1.—Copy of the original survey of the Danterive grant, December 7, 1775.

To-day, 7th of December, 1775, by virtue of an order of Mr. De Unzaga, governor-general of this province, bearing date 17th of October of the same year, I, the undersigned, captain commanding the post of Attakapas and Opelousas, declare to have designated for Mr. Danterive, ancient captain of infantry, on the eastern and western side of the river Teche, a tract of land, with a front of one league and a depth on the eastern side of half a league, and on the western side up to the bayou Tortue.

After having made known the boundaries on one side in presence of Mr. Louis Grevenberg, undersigned, who declared them to us to be the old boundaries in front of a little island of gum trees, and in his quality of bounding neighbor have appointed him to the office for the survey of said league, which he did in our presence and in the

best manner possible, assisted by Mr. François Grevenberg, to complete the eighty-four arpents, at the end of which has been planted a post, adjoining the domain of the king.

Done and passed in the presence of undersigned witnesses, who, with me, commandant, have signed on this day and year, and made in duplicate.

FRANÇOIS GREVENBERG.
LOUIS GREVENBERG.
CHEVELIER DECLOUET.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, *Parish of Saint Martin* :

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original on file and of record in this office.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Saint Martinsville, this 22d of January, 1872.

[SEAL OF COURT.]

ALF. F. PESCHIER,
Deputy Recorder.

UNITED STATES CONSOLIDATED LAND-OFFICE,
New Orleans, Louisiana, February 26, 1873.

Before me, register, came Mr. Alfred Voorhies, who swears that the foregoing is a true translation of document No. 1 of this series, survey of the Danterive grant, December 7, 1775, from the records of the parish of Saint Martin, Louisiana.

ALFRED VOORHIES.
CHAS. BARNARD,
Register.

No. 2.—*Sale of Danterive estate to Claude B. Danterive, agent of the Widow Danterive, December 9, 1775.*

To-day, 9th of December, 1775, by virtue of an order of his honor Mr. De Unzaga, governor-general of this province, bearing date 17th of October of the same year, I, captain commanding of Opelousas and Attakapas, have proceeded to the estimation and adjudication of the property situated in this post belonging to Mr. Danterive, and declared such by the neighboring proprietors, for which we have appointed Mr. Louis and François Grevenberg, residents of these two posts, for the estimation of said property, which they have accepted, to make a true valuation according to the present value of said property; this done, the property having been shown us, we have proceeded to said estimation and adjudication, to wit :

First. A tract of land has been exposed for sale, situated in Attakapas, of one league of front on both sides of the bayou Teche, with a depth to the bayou Tortue, bounded on one side by Madame Widow Grevenberg, and on the other by the king's land, valued by the appraisers at eighty dollars, and adjudicated to Mr. Claude Bernard Danterive, representing Madame Danterive, creditor, for one hundred dollars.

Secondly. * * * * *

There being no more property in this post belonging to Mr. Danterive, we have closed said sale, in presence of the appraisers appointed, who also served as witnesses of said sale, and have signed this day and year and made in duplicate.

FRANÇOIS GREVENBERG.
LOUIS GREVENBERG.
LE CHEVELIER DECLOUET.

RECORDER'S OFFICE, *Parish of Saint Martin* :

I hereby certify that the copy on the reverse hereof is a true and correct extract from the sale of the property belonging to Mr. Danterive on file in this office.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Saint Martinsville, this twenty-second day of January, A. D. 1872.

[SEAL OF COURT.]

ALF. F. PESCHIER,
Deputy Recorder.

UNITED STATES CONSOLIDATED LAND-OFFICE,
New Orleans, Louisiana, February 26, 1873.

Before me, register, came Mr. Alfred Voorhies, who swears that the foregoing is a true translation of document No. 2 of this series, sale of the Danterive estate to Claude Bernard Danterive, agent of his mother, Widow Danterive, December 9, 1775, from records of the parish of Saint Martin, Louisiana.

ALFRED VOORHIES.
CHAS. BARNARD,
Register.

No. 3.—*Sale of Mr. and Madame Dugrui to Madame Guillaume André, March 18, 1786.*

This day, the 18th March, 1784, before me, Alexander Charles Declouet, lieutenant-colonel and civil and military commandant of the posts of Attakapas and Opelousas, were personally present Mr. and Mrs. Dugrui, who of their own good will, and in the best form possible, and with guarantee of all mortgages, sell and convey to Mrs. Guillaume André a tract of land situated on both sides of river Teche, just as it stands to-day, with all the improvements thereon, with a calash, (carriage,) with a harness, and ten cart-loads of hay; said tract of land consisting in front of the quantity of arpents remaining of the league considering the sale of several portions, and said remaining parts will have for boundaries that of Mr. Nooman, and the other that of Mr. Etier, with a depth to the eastern bank of the bayou Tortue, according to the direction of said depth, which will be given by the surveyor of the king; the whole for the price and sum of sixteen hundred dollars, payable during the first year, in which will take place the delivery of said land according to agreement.

Made and passed at our office of command, in presence of Mr. Dufasset and Pradier, jr., who have signed these presents with Mr. and Mrs. Dugrui and Mrs. Guillaume André, and we, civil and military commanders, on the day first above written.

DE MONTAULT DUGRUI.

DUGRUI.

MARGARET ANDRÉ.

DUGRUI.

LE CHEVELIER DECLOUET.

DUFASSET.

PRADIER, JR.

I, lieutenant-colonel, civil and military commandant of the post of Attakapas and Opelousas, certify this present copy conforms to the original left in the papers of our command.

ATTAKAPAS, 12th of MARCH, 1784.

LIEUT. CHS. DECLOUET.

UNITED STATES CONSOLIDATED LAND-OFFICE,

New Orleans, La., February 25, 1873.

I hereby certify that the copy of which the above is a translation is a true transcript from the records of this office, (book 20, page 209.)

CHAS. BARNARD,

Register,

UNITED STATES CONSOLIDATED LAND-OFFICE,

New Orleans, La., February 26, 1873.

Before me, register, came Mr. Alfred Voorhies, who swears that the foregoing is a true translation of document No. 3 of this series, Mr. and Mrs. Dugrui to Madam Guillaume André, March 18, 1784, from the records of the United States consolidated land-office, New Orleans, La.

ALFRED VOORHIES.

CHAS. BARNARD,

Register.

No. 4.—*Sale of Claude Garnot De Lorme to Olivier De Vezin, December 31, 1792.*

Post of Attakapas, 31st of December, 1792, before me, Francisco Cayo Luengo, lieutenant of regular regiment of Louisiana, civil and military commandant of said post, and in presence of the two witnesses of our staff, there being no public writers in this jurisdiction, personally appeared Mr. Alexandre Claude Garnot De Lorme, being of majority in age and entitled to his rights and an inhabitant of this district, who voluntarily, and in the best manner possible, declares to have sold from this day forever to Mr. Olivier De Vezin, habitant of same district, here present and accepting, three slaves, to wit, one mulatto named Lewis, aged twenty-five years; a negro named Bachi, nation unknown, aged twenty-six years; another named Narceese, aged twenty-four years; these slaves warranted only of the diseases recognized by the ordinance; and also he declares to have sold the said Olivier De Vezin a plantation situated on the bayou Teche, having four arpents front on the western side, with depth to bayou Tortue, and bounded below by Mr. Grechien, and above by François Louis de la Groue, said plantation having six arpents front on the eastern side of the Teche, bounded below by Mr. Antoine Coivin, and above by Louis de la Groue, with the usual depth of

forty arpents, said tract of land as it stands, together with the slaves above mentioned, free of all trouble, or mortgages, evictions, or alienations whatever, and sold for the price of two thousand dollars, silver, which the purchaser obliges himself to pay to the vendor in New Orleans, or to his order, in three payments, to wit: \$150 at the end of year 1793; \$150 at the end of year 1794; \$1,800 left payable at the end of year 1795; and for the surety of the above payments the purchaser effects and mortgages to the vendor said slaves and plantation until final payment, by means of which he will enjoy the above property as being his own without disturbance.

Done and passed at our office of commandant, in the presence of Louis de la Groue, Louis Dantilly Bertin, witnesses, who have signed after me, commandant, together with the contracting parties.

GARNOT DE LORME.
OLIVIER DE VEZIN.

FRANCISCO CAYO Y LUENGO.
L. DE LA GROUE.
LOUIS DANTILLY BERTIN.

A true copy of the original act on file in this office.
Saint Martinsville, January 31, 1873.
[SEAL OF COURT.]

ALF. F. PESCHIER,
Deputy Recorder.

UNITED STATES CONSOLIDATED LAND-OFFICE,
New Orleans, La., February 26, 1873.

Before me, register, came Mr. Alfred Voorhies, who swears that the foregoing is a true translation of document No. 4 of this series, Claude Garnot De Lorme to Olivier De Vezin, December 31, 1792, from the records of the parish of Saint Martin, Louisiana.

ALFRED VOORHIES.
CHAS. BARNARD,
Register.

No. 5.—*Sale of Philip Ducloslange, attorney for Louis de la Groue, to Olivier De Vezin, April 12, 1794.*

Post of Attakapas, 12th of April, 1784, before me, Don Francisco Cayo Y Luango, lieutenant in the regular regiment of Louisiana, civil and military commandant of above post, in presence of two witnesses, and there being no public writer in this jurisdiction, appeared Mr. Philip Ducloslange, habitant of this district, who, by virtue of several letters written to him by Mr. François De la Groue, living in New Orleans, which letters have been submitted to me, declares to sell and transfers from this day and forever, to Mr. Olivier De Vezin, also residing in this district, here present and accepting, a tract of land of six arpents front on both sides of the river Teche, with a depth of forty arpents, bounded below by said purchaser, and above by Mr. Louis Judice, said land exempt of all trouble and mortgages, evictions, or alienations whatever, and sold for the sum of \$600, silver, which said purchaser obliges himself to pay to Mr. François de la Groue, or his representative, at the end of the present year, by which means said Olivier De Vezin will be able to dispose of said land as his own personal property without disturbance.

Done and passed in our office of commandant, in presence of Mr. Louis Dantilly Bertin and Messionier, witnesses present, who have signed after me, commandant, together with the attorney and the purchaser. Done, passed, and approved—"le renvoy des notes mis en marge."

PHILIP DUCLOSLANGE.
LOUIS DANTILLY BERTIN.

FRANCISCO CAYO Y LUENGO.
SIMON MESSONIER.

A true copy of the original act on file and of record in this office.
Saint Martinsville, January 31, 1873.
[SEAL OF COURT.]

ALF. PESCHIER,
Deputy Recorder.

UNITED STATES CONSOLIDATED LAND-OFFICE,
New Orleans, La., February 26, 1873.

Before me, register, came Mr. Alfred Voorhies, who swears that the foregoing is a true translation of document No. 5 of this series, P. Ducloslange, attorney for Lewis De la Groue, to Olivier De Vezin, April 12, 1794, from the records of the parish of Saint Martin, Louisiana.

ALFRED VOORHIES.
CHAS. BARNARD, *Register.*

No. 6.—*Sale of Jean Grechein to Louis Pelletier de la Houssaye, May 30, 1802.*

To-day, the 13th of May, 1802, before me, Don Louis Charles De Blanc, captain of infantry, civil and military commandant of the post of Attakapas, there being no notary or public writer in this district, personally appeared Mr. Louis de Pelletier de la Houssaye, captain of the legion, habitant of this district, who declares by these presents, and in the best manner possible, to have sold and transferred, from this day and forever, with full guarantee of all debts, mortgages, and other alienations whatever, to Mr. Jean Grechein, of the same post, present and accepting, for himself and his heirs, a tract of land measuring 20 arpents front on the western side of the Vermillion, with the ordinary depth of forty arpents, bounded above by Amant Broussard, and below by the purchaser; said land being the property of the vendor by act of exchange for an island called "Grosse Isle," with Mr. Battiste Labaure, Jean and Charlite Dugas, by act passed in this office.

This sale, cession, and transfer thus made for the price of one hundred and thirty dollars, silver, and a tract of land measuring two arpents front, with the depth as it stands, situated on the western side of the Teche, in the vicinity of the church, and bounded below by Jacques Fontenette, and above by Olivier De Vezin, said two arpents derived from Mr. Louis Verret by act passed in this office, the present act answering as a receipt in full to the purchaser, who by these means may enjoy and dispose of said 20 arpents as being his own personal property, the vendor renouncing all claims to the contrary, as is agreed between the parties.

Done and passed at the said post of Attakapas on the date above, in presence of Mr. Louis Judice and Antoine Boutté, witnesses, who have signed with the contracting parties and I, commandant, of which I certify.

A. BOUTTÉ.
LOUIS JUDICE.
LOUIS DE BLANC.

LOUIS DE LA HOUSSAYE.
JOHN GRETEIN.

A true and correct extract from the original act on file and of record in this office.
Saint Martinsville, January 31, 1873.

[SEAL OF COURT.]

ALF. F. PESCHIER,
Deputy Recorder.

UNITED STATES CONSOLIDATED LAND-OFFICE,
New Orleans, La., February 26, 1873.

Before me, register, came Mr. Alfred Voorhies, who swears that the foregoing is a true translation of document No. 6 of this series, Jean Grechein to Louis P. de la Houssaye, May 30, 1802, from the records of the parish of St. Martin, La.

ALFRED VOORHIES.
CHAS. BARNARD, Register.

No. 7.—*Sale of Louis Pelletier de la Houssaye to Olivier De Vezin, May 13, 1802.*

To-day, the 13th of May, 1802, before me, Don Louis Charles Le Blanc, captain of infantry, civil and military commandant of the post of Attakapas, there being no notary or public writer acting in this district, personally appeared Mr. Louis Pelletier de la Houssaye, captain of the dragoons of the militia of this post, who declared by these presents, in the best form possible, to have sold and transferred, from this day and forever, with full guarantee of all trouble, debts, mortgages, or other alienations whatever, to Mr. Olivier De Vezin of this post, here present and accepting, for himself and his heirs, a tract of land situated on the western side of the bayou Teche, with two arpents front, and the depth as it stands, bounded below the Jacques Fontenette, and above by the purchaser, said land deriving from Mr. Jean Grechein, by act passed this day in this office; this sale and transfer made for the sum of \$70, paid in cash, these presents acting as a receipt in full to the purchaser, who by these means can enjoy said land according to his own wishes, the vendor renouncing forever all claims upon said property or contrary to this act.

Done and passed at this post on the date above, in presence of Mr. Louis Judice and Antoine Boutté, witnesses, who have signed with the parties and I, commandant, for which I hereby certify.

LOUIS JUDICE.
A. BOUTTÉ.
LOUIS DE BLANC.

LOUIS DE LA HOUSSAYE.
OLIVIER DE VEZIN.

A true copy of the original act on file in this office.
Saint Martinsville, January 31, 1873.

[SEAL OF COURT.]

ALF. F. PESCHIER,
Deputy Recorder.

UNITED STATES CONSOLIDATED LAND-OFFICE,
New Orleans, La., February 26, 1873.

Before me, register, came Mr. Alfred Voorhies, who swears that the foregoing is a true translation of document No. 7 of this series, Louis P. de la Houssaye to Oliver De Vezin, May 13, 1802, from the records of the parish of Saint Martin, La.

ALFRED VOORHIES.
CHAS. BARNARD, *Register*.

No. 8.—*Sale from Louis De Blanc, jr., to Edward Forstal.*

We, Edward Forstal and Louis De Blanc, do declare, that of our own good will and accord, and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses, we have made the following agreement, to wit: I, Louis De Blanc, do declare by these presents to have sold, conveyed, and transferred in full property, from this day and forever, with full guarantee of all troubles, debts, mortgages, or evictions whatever, to Mr. Edward Forstal, here present and accepting, for himself, his heirs, and assigns, one plantation, situated on the western side of the river Teche, in the neighborhood of the church, measuring 12 arpens front, with the ordinary depth of 40 arpens, bounded above by Mr. Olivier Duclosel and below by Mr. Jacques Fontenette, on which there is a dwelling-house, crib, kitchen, oven, garden, and fencing, as they stand, reserving in the depth the cotton-gin and indigo-cisterns; also the buildings on the four arpens adjoining to said Jacques Fontenette.

Said lands being purchased from Mr. Olivier De Vezin, who bought them from Messrs. LaGrone & DeLorme by acts registered in the clerk's office of this parish. This sale and transfer are made for and in consideration of the sum of \$4,000 cash, which the said Louis De Blanc, jr., declares to have received, and for which he gives a general receipt to the purchaser, who by these means may now and forever use and enjoy said plantation as his own personal property; the vendor renouncing strictly to all acts contrary. The present act is made under private signature and in duplicate, until it be ratified by the judge of this parish, as soon as one of the parties shall require it from the other. Said contract to remain irrevocable; this being the condition of the sale.

Done and passed in Attakapas on the 9th day of February, 1808.

EDWARD FORSTAL.
LOUIS DE BLANC, JR.

Witnesses:

OLIVIER DE VEZIN DE LA HOUSSAYE.
LOUIS DE BLANC.
ALEX'RE DE LA HOUSSAYE.

Copy of the original deposited in the clerk's office by the purchaser and by the vendor.

F. WHITE,
Parish Judge.

A true copy of the original act on file and of record in this office.
Saint Martinsville, January 31, 1873.

[SEAL OF COURT.]

ALF. PESCHIER,
Deputy Recorder.

UNITED STATES CONSOLIDATED LAND-OFFICE,
New Orleans, La., February 26, 1873.

Before me, register, came Mr. Alfred Voorhies, who swears that the foregoing is a true translation of document No. 8 of this series, Louis DeBlanc to Edward Forstal, February 9, 1808, from the records of the parish of Saint Martin, La.

ALFRED VOORHIES.
CHAS. BARNARD, *Register*.

No. 9.—*Sale from Louis le Pelletier de la Houssaye to Jacques Fontenette.*

To-day, the 10th of November, 1811, before me, Seth Louis, judge of the parish of Saint Martin, personally came and appeared Mr. Louis Pelletier de la Houssaye, inhabitant of this parish, who declares by these presents to have sold and transferred, in the best manner possible, from this day and forever, with full guarantee of all troubles, debts, mortgages, and alienations whatever, to Mr. Jacques Fontenette, also from this parish here present and accepting, for himself, his heirs, and assigns, a tract of land measuring twelve arpens front by forty in depth, situated on the western side of the bayou Teche, bounded above by Mr. Olivier Duclosel, and below by the purchaser, to-

gether with all the buildings, fencings, and other installations thereon, with the exception of a house thereon belonging to Mr. Olivier De Vezin, said tract of land forming part of the old Dauteville grant, and bought by the vendor from Mr. Edward Forstal, by act before Narcisse Bronton, in the city of New Orleans, dated July 5, 1810. This sale and transfer made for the sum of four thousand dollars, payable as follows, to wit: two thousand dollars payable in the month of December, 1812, and the remaining two thousand dollars in December, 1813; which amounts the purchaser obliges himself to pay at times due, said land remaining mortgaged to the vendor until final payment. Done and passed in the above said parish on the above date, in presence of Woodson Wren and William Armstrong, witnesses, who have signed with the parties and me, judge.

JACQUES FONTENETTE.
LOUIS DE LA HOUSSAYE.

WOODSON WREN.
WILLIAM ARMSTRONG.

S. LOUIS,
Parish Judge.

A true copy of the original act on file in this office.
Saint Martinsville, 1st February, 1873.
[SEAL OF COURT.]

ALF. F. PESCHIER,
Deputy Recorder.

UNITED STATES CONSOLIDATED LAND-OFFICE, February 26, 1873.

Before me, register, came Mr. Alfred Voorhies, who swears that the foregoing is a true translation of document No. 9 of this series, Louis le Pelletier de la Houssaye to Jacques Fontenette, November 10, 1811, from the records of the parish of Saint Martin, La.

ALFRED VOORHIES.
CHAS. BARNARD,
Register.

No. 10. *Extract from the succession sale of Jacques Fontenette—sale to Louis Veillon.*

To-day, 7th of August, of the year 1818, I, Paul Briant, judge of the parish of Saint Martin, at the request of Celeste Charlotte Pellerin, widow of the late Mr. Jacques Fontenette, also at the request of Messrs. Alexander Pelletier de la Houssaye, undertutor of the minor heirs Louis Charles De Blanc, and John D'Arby, testamentary executors of the deceased, have transported myself on the plantation last residence of the deceased, in order to proceed to the sale and adjudication, to the last and highest bidder, of the property belonging to the community existing between the above said widow and her deceased husband. The conditions of the sale are as follows: The slaves payable half on the 1st of June, 1819, and the balance on the 1st of June, 1820. The lands payable one-third on the 1st of June, 1819, one-third on the 1st of June, 1820, and one-third on the 1st of June, 1821. All the balance, such as cattle, carts, field-utensils, &c., payable one year after the adjudication; the purchasers furnishing good and valid solidary securities to the satisfaction of the administrators and testamentary executors; and, moreover, the slaves and lands remaining specially mortgaged until final payment. Said sale having been announced and published according to law and habits first, we have exposed for sale a tract of land * * * Art. 33. A tract of land situated in the parish of Saint Martin, measuring twelve arpens front, on the right bank of the bayou Teche, by forty in depth; bounded above by the land of Olivier Duclosel and below by a plantation, the last residence of the deceased, Jacques Fontenette, together with all the rights, privileges, servitudes, circumstances, and improvements, adjudicated to Mr. Lewis Veillon, jr., for five thousand eight hundred and ten dollars, (\$5,810.)

THÈMECOURT BIENVENU,
Solidary Security.
\$5,810.

LOUIS VEILLON.
THÈMECOURT BIENVENU.

* * * * *
The above-named testamentary executors and undertutors having declared that the portions sold were sufficient to pay the debts, I have closed the present sale, amounting to \$20,717.55, the surplus of the property carried in the inventory remaining in the hands of said Widow Fontenette, agreeably to the dispositions contained in the testament of said deceased, Jacques Fontenette. In testimony thereof have signed to this presents Widow Fontenette and Messrs. Louis Charles De Blanc, Jean D'Arby, and Al-

exander Pelletier de la Housaye, in the presence of Messrs. Louis Chaunier and Jean Aunelin, witnesses acquired to the present act in the parish of Saint Martin, the 2d day of August, 1818.

NOTE.—Forty dollars must be added to the amount of the sale for the price of No. 36, not comprised in the addition, and \$7 for a lot of hoes adjudicated to Belthazar de la Haoussaye.

LOUIS CHAUNIER.
JN. AUNELIN.

VE. FONTENETTE.
LOUIS DE BLANC.
JN. D'ARBY.
P. DE LA HOUSSAYE.

P. BRIANT,
Parish Judge.

STATE OF LOUISIANA,
Parish of Saint Martin :

I, H. P. Fournet, clerk of the third judicial district in and for the parish of Saint Martin, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and faithful extract from the original on file and of record in my office. Given under my hand and seal of office, at Saint Martinsville, this 3d day of February, A. D. 1873.

[SEAL OF COURT.]

H. P. FOURNET, *Clerk.*

UNITED STATES CONSOLIDATED LAND-OFFICE,
New Orleans, La.

Before me, ———, register, came Mr. Alfred Voorhies, who swears that the foregoing is a true translation of document No. 10 of this series, Jacques Fontenette to Louis Veillon, August 1, 1818, from the records of the parish of Saint Martin, La.

ALFRED VOORHIES.

CH. BARNARD,
Register.

FEBRUARY 26, 1873.

No. 11.—*Extract of succession sale of Liouis Veillon, sr.—Sale to Valery Veillon, parish of Saint Martin.*

To-day, Monday, June the 9th, A. D. 1834, at the request of Mrs. Marie Perrine Ludrigne, widow of Mr. Louis Veillon, proprietor in this parish, also at the request of the heirs of said Louis Veillon, deceased, I, Paul Briant, judge of the parish of Saint Martin, went to the domicile of the lady, requesting to proceed to the sale and adjudication, to the last and highest bidder, of all the property belonging to the community existing between said widow and said Louis Veillon, deceased, her husband.

The conditions of the sale are, according to an order from the parish court, bearing date April 12, 1834, as follows: The lands and plantation payable in three equal payments, at one, two, and three years' credit from the first of April last. All other objects, for all sums of \$50 and below, payable at one year's credit; and all sums above \$50 in two equal payments, at one and two years' credit from the first of April last. The purchasers furnishing their notes, with good and solvent securities, to the satisfaction of the parties interested in the community. Said notes made to the order of the widow and heirs of said Louis Veillon, and payable at the office of discount and depot of the Union Bank of Louisiana at Saint Martinsville, and bearing 10 per cent. interest from time due until final payment, and all immovables remaining specially mortgaged until final payment of capital and interest.

This sale having been duly announced by notice stuck on the parish court-house and by insertions in the Gazette of Attakapas, published in the town of Saint Martinsville, from the 10th of May last to the 7th of June, in English and French, I proceeded to said sale, after having proclaimed in a loud and audible voice the above conditions.

Art. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, * * * Art. 84. A tract of land situated in the parish of Saint Martin, measuring twelve arpens front, on the right bank of the river Teche, with forty or forty-two arpens of depth, bounded above by a tract of land belonging to M. Pierre Olivier Duclosel, and below by a tract of land belonging to the estate of Jacques Fontenette, together with all the fencings thereon, adjudicated to Valery Veillon for three thousand dollars, (\$3,000.)

Art. 85 * * * There being no purchasers for the articles 3, 4, 5, 6, of the inventory, the present sale, amounting to thirty-eight thousand nine hundred and ninety-six ²⁵/₁₀₀ dollars, (\$38,996.25,) leaving behind the price of adjudication of the articles 23, 24, 25, and 46, of the present *procès-verbal* has been postponed at the requisition of the parties until further orders.

Said parties have hereunto signed with me, judge, and witnesses, in the parish of Saint Martin, and at the residence of above said widow, June 10, 1834.
(Signed)

V'Y VEILLON.
CAZEMIR BIENVENU.

ANT. BRUNO.
BTE. DERBES.

P. BRIANT, *Parish Judge.*

PARISH OF SAINT MARTIN,
State of Louisiana :

I, H. P. Fournet, clerk of the third judicial district court in and for the parish of Saint Martin, do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and correct extract from the original on file and of record in my office. Given under our hand and seal at Saint Martinsville, this 1st February, A. D. 1873.

[SEAL OF COURT.]

H. P. FOURNET,
Clerk.

UNITED STATES CONSOLIDATED LAND-OFFICE,
New Orleans, La., February 26, 1873.

Before me, register, came Mr. Alfred Voorhies, who swears that the foregoing is a true translation of document No. 11 of this series, Louis Veillon to Valery Veillon, June 9, 1834, from the records of the parish of Saint Martin, La.

ALFRED VOORHIES.
CHARLES BARNARD,
Register.

No. 12. Sale from Valery Veillon to Charles Olivier Duclosel.

Before me, Pierre Paul Briant, notary public in and for the parish of Saint Martin, and in the presence of the undersigned witnesses. Was present Mr. Valery Veillon proprietor, living in the parish of Lafayette, who declares by these presents to have sold and delivered, with full guarantee of all troubles, gifts, debts, mortgages, evictions, or alienations whatever, to Mr. Charles Olivier Duclosel, proprietor, residing in this parish, present and accepting, for himself, his heirs, and assigns, a tract of land situated in this parish, at about two miles from Saint Martinsville, measuring 12 arpents front, on the right bank of the bayou Teche, by 40 or 42 arpens in depth, bounded above by land of Pierre Olivier Duclosel, and below by land belonging to the estate of Jacques Fontenette, for the purchaser to enjoy, do, and dispose of said land as his own personal property from this day.

This land is sold as it stands, with all the rights, privileges, and circumstances, and improvements, without reserve, the purchaser declaring to have seen and visited it, and is satisfied without more information.

The parties have dispensed the notary from producing the certificate required by act, No. 3328 of the civil code, deeming it unnecessary, discharging him from all responsibility to that effect.

This sale is made for and in consideration of the sum of four thousand dollars, which the vendor recognizes to have received, and for which he gives by these presents a full receipt.

By means of this payment the vendor places and subrogates the purchaser in all his rights in the above said land for him, to do, enjoy, and dispose of it from this day as he may please.

Done and passed at my office at Saint Martinsville, on June 14, A. D. 1836, and in the presence of Messrs. J. Bte. Derbes and Charles Fagot, witnesses, who have signed with the parties and me, notary, after reading the whole.

V. VEILLON.
CHS. OLIVIER DUCLOSEL.

J. BTE DERBES.
CH. FAGOT.

P. P. BRIANT,
Notary Public.

A true copy of the original act on file and of record in this office.
Saint Martinsville, January 31, 1873.
[SEAL OF RECORDER'S OFFICE.]

ALFRED F. PESCHIER,
Deputy Recorder.

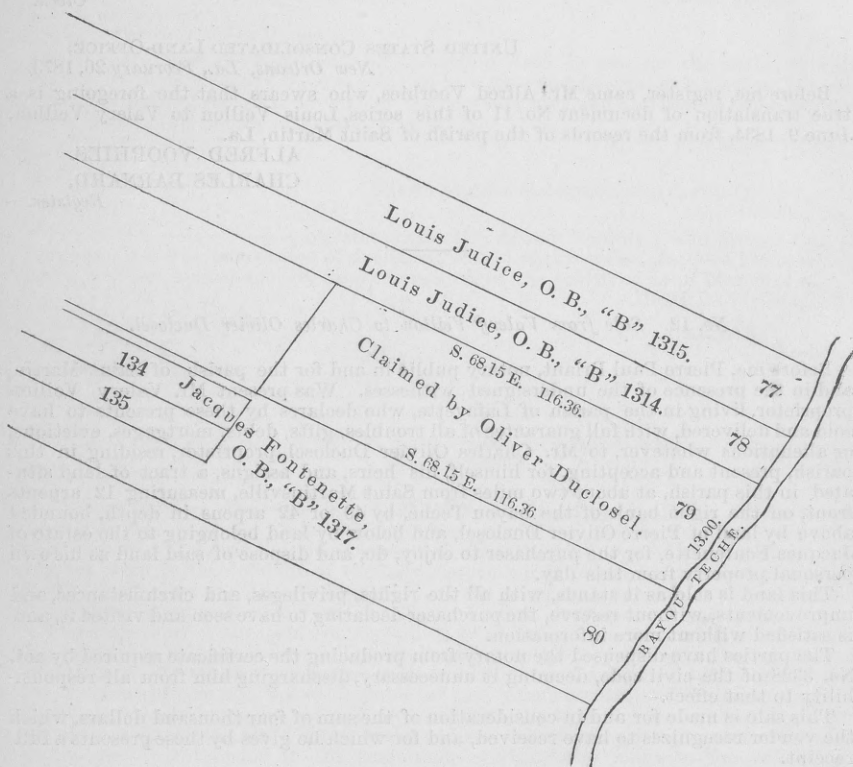
UNITED STATES LAND-OFFICE,
New Orleans, La., February 26, 1873.

Before me, register, came Mr. Alfred Voorhies, who swears that the foregoing is a true translation of document No. 12 of this series, Valez Veillon to Olivier Duclosel, June 14, 1836, from the records of the parish of Saint Martin, La.

ALFRED VOORHIES.

CHARLES BARNARD,
Register.

T. 10 S., R. 6 E., Southwestern district, Louisiana.



UNITED STATES CONSOLIDATED LAND-OFFICE,
New Orleans, La., February 24, 1873.

I hereby certify that the above is a true extract from the official plat on file in this office.

CHARLES BARNARD,
Register.

UNITED STATES CONSOLIDATED LAND-OFFICE,
New Orleans, December 15, 1873.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of all the documents in the case Olivier Duclosel vs. the United States.

JULIAN NIVELLE,
Receiver.

Old plat showing limits of D'Autriève grant and Madame Guillaume André purchase.

COPY.

Plan de la terre de Mr. D'Autriève de 84 arpents des deux bords de la rivière Thex, ayant sur l'oriental 42 arpents de profondeur et sur l'occidental limiter par le bayou Tortue. Arpentie le 16 février et le 17 mars 1786, par ordre de Mr. Estivan Miro, go^r g^l. Perer. Copie conforma à l'original reste en deposit des planes d'arpantage des Attakapas.

(Signed.)

CHARLES TRUDEAU.

U. S. CONS. LAND-OFFICE,
New Orleans, La., Feb. 24, 1873.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy from the records of this office.

CHAS. BARNARD,
Register.

